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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Yuichi HIGUCHI, et al. ) : Examiner: D. Tran  
Appln. No.: 08/909,966 ) : Group Art Unit: 2724  
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ITS CONTROL METHOD )

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under  
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under  
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is  
directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form  
PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

The Examiner may find Japanese Patent No. 8-224923  
relevant for the reasons noted at page 19 of the  
specification of the above-referenced application. An  
English-language abstract, obtained from a commercial  
database, is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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A check for the required fee of \$240.00 is enclosed. However, should any further fee be deemed necessary, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above information and return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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